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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

Service representative detailed for duty at Barbados.

Owing to the prevalence of yellow fever at Barbados, Acting Assistant Surgeon R. H. Urquhart was detailed, February 8, to duty in the office of the consul at Bridgetown, Barbados. His duty will be to sign bills of health in conjunction with the consul, and to enforce the quarantine regulations of the United States with regard to yellow fever.

ALGERIA.

Deratization at Algiers—Rat fleas.

The following is taken from the *Bulletin Bimensuelle*, Algiers, January 16:

January 1-15: Rodents taken by the maritime sanitary service, 435; examined by the laboratory of health, 68; result, negative. Classification of rats: *Mus norvegicus*, 348; *Mus rattus*, 8; *Mus musculus*, 79. Rat fleas determined—*Pulex cheopis*, on *Mus norvegicus*, 13; *Otenopysylla musculi*, on *Mus norvegicus*, 4.

Examination of rats at other localities in Algeria.

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1908.

BÔNE.—Rats taken, 13; examined, 13; plague rats, 0. Classified: *Mus norvegicus*, 9; *Mus rattus*, 3; *Mus alexandrinus*, 1.

BOUGIE.—Rats taken, 58; examined, 41; plague rats, 0.

ORAN.—Rats taken, 794; examined, 212; plague rats, 0. Classified: *Mus norvegicus*, 179; *Mus rattus*, 33.

PHILIPPEVILLE.—Rats taken, 22; examined, 13; plague rats, 0.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Examination of emigrants—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, January 8:

Weeks ended December 12, 19, and 26, 1908: Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on December 5, 1908.